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CHOCOLATES

Melita replay?

Melita Eagles are likely to demand a replay of their match against South Coast United.

They have what appears to be a perfectly valid reason: for about 10 minutes referee Norm Jones had allowed the match to continue with only one linesman after George Gibbons, allegedly intimidated, had abandoned his post and retired for an early shower.

The rules clearly state that a match must be controlled AT ALL TIMES by one referee and TWO linesmen.

Accordingly, the Federation's P and D Committee will have little alternative but declare last Sunday's result null and void and order the match to be replayed.

Cramer tied up

The ASF executive last week finally agreed to offer the post of Australian director of coaching to Dettmar Cramer.

The ASF, however, may have left its run to secure the FIFA coach too late.

There appears little chance of Cramer even considering an offer from Australia before June 1969.

Cramer ends his 14 months' Asian activity at the end of this month.

FIFA's Technical Development committee has decided to prolong his contract for 12 months.

Though the Asian Confederation requested Cramer's services for another year, FIFA will send Cramer to Africa, Central America and the USA.

His program has already been mapped out for the next 12 months.

He will spend five months, from July to November this year, in the Barbados, Dutch Antilles, Trinidad and the USA, and from November 1968 until May 31, 1969, will do itinerant work programs in Gambia, Lesotho, Liberia, Malawi, Nigeria, Sudan and Egypt.

Hakoah goalie Fuze was one of the busiest men at Wentworth Park last Sunday.

Here he performs a spectacular save at the feet of Pan Hellenic's Karyannis.



Transfer deadline is middle of June

Sydney clubs have less than a month to make up their mind whether they have enough players to see out the season.

The transfer deadline, both within the NSW Federation and interstate, will close on June 15.

After that date clubs can sign players only from overseas.

At this stage, a number of players still seem unsettled and may move to beat the deadline.

Yugals brilliant, scheming forward, Ilja Takac, is on transfer at \$4,000.

Some sections in APIA are still keen to engineer the departure of John Giacometti, Sydney's top scorer for the past three seasons.

Giacometti, who returned to his best form with a vengeance last Sunday, is most unlikely to move however.

John Galambos may leave St. George, possibly on loan.

A few players are seemingly sidelined for the season but some may make a transfer move soon.

These include Eduardo Massey and Omar Collazo of Croatia, Jorge Ledezma of APIA and John Bond of Prague.

None of these have played for a considerable time.

WRONG BILLING

According to FIFA, the three Australia v. Japan matches played recently were not official full internationals at all.

The latest FIFA bulletin which takes in all matches played up to May 1, fails to mention the three encounters in any category.

The only mention of Japan is under the heading of "amateur internationals," where Japan's 4-0 defeat against the Mexican Olym-

CLOSE RACE

This year Hakoah, Pan Hellenic, South Coast, Polonia, Prague and Melita all show improved form while APIA and St. George have slipped somewhat.

The championship race is the closest for years and eight or nine teams are

strongly in the running for the magic "final four."

There were hardly any incidents to talk about in 1967; the crowd behaviour was not only exemplary but almost apathetic.

It's different this year. Consider these incidents:

• At the Canterbury v. Hakoah match a linesman was threatened by a player, who subsequently drew a suspension, and pelted with refuse by irate supporters.

• At the Yugal v. Prague match at halftime, the referee was threatened by a few enraged fans.

• At the APIA v. Hakoah match a linesman and the Hakoah goalie were pelted with bottles, shoes and stones and the match was on the verge of turning into a riot.

• After the St. George v. Pan Hellenic match, the referee was threatened and abused.

• After the Hakoah v. Pan Hellenic match the referee had to be police-escorted to his car to save him from a small, but vicious-looking crowd.

• At the South Coast v. Melita match, a linesman created history by walking off the field, claiming intimidation from a section of the crowd.

NORMAL?

By a strange coincidence, referees Boskovic and Jones have both been involved in two incidents apiece.

In three out of the four cases it was their linesmen who got them into trouble.

The only clubs so far not involved in any incidents are Croatia, Manly and Polonia.

To add oil to the fire, Hakoah have declared that they won't play at Lambert Park again and Pan Hellenic have announced that referee Boskovic is "unacceptable" to them in the future.

So far APIA, Pan Hellenic, Croatia and Canterbury have had a change of coaches — and more are likely to be replaced before the season is very old.

And finally, five players have received their marching orders: Takac, Demopoulos, Romanos, Anderson and Hewlett.

Apart from these instances, everything has been normal . . .

NSW Federation First Division

TEAM	AGGREGATE						HOME						AWAY						NEXT OPPONENT			
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	* HOME MATCH
Hakoah	7	5	2	—	15	7	12	3	3	—	—	9	4	6	4	2	2	—	6	3	6	Manly
Pan Hellenic	7	5	1	1	16	7	11	4	4	—	—	12	3	8	3	1	1	1	4	4	3	South Coast *
Polonia	7	5	1	1	14	9	11	4	2	1	1	7	6	5	3	3	—	7	3	6	Canterbury *	
South Coast	7	4	1	2	21	9	9	4	4	—	—	19	4	8	3	—	1	2	2	5	1	Pan Hellenic
Prague	7	3	2	2	19	13	8	3	2	1	—	10	1	5	4	1	1	2	9	12	3	Croatia
APIA	7	3	2	2	14	11	8	3	2	1	—	8	3	5	4	1	1	2	6	8	3	Melita Eagles
St. George	7	2	2	3	9	9	6	4	1	1	2	4	6	3	3	1	1	1	5	3	3	Yugal
Melita Eagles	7	2	2	3	6	9	6	3	—	2	1	3	5	2	4	2	2	—	2	3	4	APIA *
Croatia	7	2	1	4	8	13	5	3	1	1	1	3	3	3	4	1	—	3	5	10	2	Prague *
Canterbury	7	2	—	5	9	24	4	4	2	—	2	7	8	4	3	—	—	3	2	16	—	Polonia
Yugal	7	1	1	5	8	17	3	4	1	1	2	6	7	3	3	—	—	3	2	10	—	St. George *
Manly	7	—	1	6	6	17	1	4	—	4	1	8	—	—	3	—	1	2	5	9	1	Hakoah *

READERS' LETTERS

CAMPBELLTOWN

If ever there is a city calling out for a Federation division club (First or Second Division), then it must be Campbelltown.

After seeing a segment on the new city in the ABC's news service on Friday May 3, one couldn't help but be impressed with the progress the authorities have made over the past years, in developing the city.

A soccer club (licensed of course) in the area now could grow with the city and grow into a strong, supported club.

Which is what soccer needs, as the city of Sydney is far too overcrowded with clubs.

If soccer doesn't move into Campbelltown, then it would be a safe bet that Rugby League will, and this would be more that soccer can afford.

L. Clarke,
Seven Hills.

FAN PLEASED

I was pleased to see that the NSW Federation showed such firmness in issuing a warning to APIA about the Lambert Park incident.

I was even more delighted to read that the Federation will take action against players who, through their behaviour, help to incite trouble.

This is the spirit we expect from our soccer administrators.

What an odious comparison with the ASF which talks and talks and talks but has no power to discipline anyone.

Otherwise how would it be possible that to this very day they have not even investigated the circumstances through which certain players withdrew from the Australian team that played Japan?

H. Vail,
Lakemba.

REFEREES GODS?

I am a constant reader of your paper and an ardent follower of soccer, and would like to express an opinion.

There is a lot of talk about the bad behavior of players and spectators at soccer.

I admit that this is so, but in my, and in many other people's opinion, the main reason for such are the majority of referees and linesmen, who are partially biased, incompetent or completely incapable.

With their wrong and unjust decisions they are pushing players and spectators to actions, which they would otherwise never perform.

Take for example one small incident in the game between APIA and St. George, where Archie Blue at one time raised both his hands to intercept a dangerous pass.

He himself and most other players stopped, expecting a free-kick to be awarded, but the referee waved the game on and it nearly resulted in APIA scoring a goal.

Any player, who breaches the discipline, has to face a disciplinary board, which decides the fate of this player.

Referees must think they are gods as anything they say is law.

They make wrong decisions and what is worse, they get away with it.

Why don't referees have to face a federation board or something like it, where they have to answer for their wrong doings and are consequently reprimanded, fined or even suspended.

If this was the case, then referees and linesmen might wake up to themselves.

E. Jellinek,
Paddington.

FINE EXAMPLE

In this age when club moguls so loudly complain at the drop of a hat, a bouquet is due to the St. George-Budapest officials.

They lost John Warren, their most prized possession, right at the start of the season when he was injured against Japan, playing for Australia — and for the following weeks the team had to struggle on without its skipper, dropping many valuable points.

Yet not a word of complaint from the club about Warren's injury — not even an excuse for their poor start.

P. Hegedus,
Marrickville.

HONOR DESERVED

I was, generally speaking, pleased with the initial NSW squad and feel that the majority of players selected deserved this honor.

As long as they regard it as an honor . . .

Because far too often in the recent past "stars," even teenagers still wet behind the ears, showed such cool indifference to such honors that they skipped training sessions and even pulled out of the squads.

I am sure that with proper preparations, NSW can and will give Cardiff a run for their money.

H. Gruenfeld,
Bronte Beach.

"LINGO"

As a Maltese by birth, and proud of it, I take strong exception to the comments of a South Coast United official who was quoted in a daily newspaper.

I would like to ask that gentleman the definition of the word "lingo"?

What does he mean by "lingo," when he refers to the language spoken by the Maltese?

Like everybody else, we Maltese have our own language, and I don't take kindly to my native tongue being derogatorily referred to as a "lingo," irrespective of what may have occurred at Woonona last weekend.

I have played soccer in Melbourne and overseas in my younger days, and I know, from first-hand experience, that spectators and players all over the world tend to get carried away at times.

But this is no excuse for anybody to bring up race, religion or language into a purely sporting matter.

Peter Serchen,
Ultimo.

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SYDNEY CLUB PATROL

After much bickering at the ASF meeting in Sydney last weekend it was agreed that a 26-man national squad should be selected for our World Cup qualifying commitments. The squad, however, won't train together. World Cup squad players will train in their own States under a local coach. The Australian World Cup squad will be announced at the completion of Cardiff City's tour.

Melita Eagles are negotiating with Sliema Wanderers (one of Malta's top First Division teams) for the transfer of goalkeeper JOE DE-BONO. Charlie Agius, the Eagles' talent scout at present holidaying in Malta, spotted Debono.

Melita Eagles this week successfully clinched the transfer of 21-year-old goal-scoring forward, TERRY THORNE, from Prague. Four other clubs — St. George, Western Suburbs, Manly and Polonia — were also interested in the former Ipswich and Notts County player. Thorne is reported to have rejected an offer to turn full professional with Wests.

Western Suburbs Soccer Club will hold a COACHING EVENING at their clubhouse dining-room next Tuesday, May 21, at 8 p.m. Joe Marston and John Warren will be the guest speakers. Coaching films will also be screened. Everybody welcome.

Croatia secretary, LIONEL BROWN, said this week his club soon expected to announce the signing of a top forward, whose identity is a closely guarded secret.

Artarmon, the First Division amateur club, is on the look-out for another good goalkeeper. Their dependable custodian, BILLY ARBUCKLE, is side-lined for some time ahead, due to a broken arm.

JIM KELLY is doing a "Len Quested" this season. The South Coast coach now turns up with his third grade side. Quested did the same thing in 1966 and 1967 when his experience played a major part in Cumberland's two consecutive third grade championship titles.

MARCEL ATOUA, Hakoah's New Caledonian player returned to Noumea last Monday after a brief stint in Canberra. He is unlikely to return to Australia.

It is very likely that Melita Eagles will lift the suspension on star defender FRED FALZON soon. Falzon is reported to have apologized for the incident which led to his suspension four weeks ago.

South Coast are handing out PRIZES at their home matches this season to the best players from both teams. Last Sunday Melita goalie Terry Eaton was presented with a silver tray. The award for the best local player went to Ron McGarry.

Yugal secretary, MARON KOVACEVIC, is up in arms over the incorrect reports appearing lately in the daily press concerning his club. An indignant Kovacevic rang up "Soccer World" this week to deny that Edwards had been placed on transfer, that the club ever intended joining the "ban Boskovic" bandwagon and that Yugal were even considering merging with Manly.

JOHNNY KIRGAN, the Croatia defender, was married last Friday. Kirgan is recovering from a serious leg injury and is still on crutches.

Just how keen are today's youngsters? St. George's local

boy, GEORGE HARRIS, was selected for his first team debut for the weekend — but chose to go to Wagga with some friends, lightheartedly giving up his opportunity.

Prague's AGM will be held at the Hampton Court Hotel, Kings Cross, on May 28.

RON McGARRY, South Coast's ace British forward, is having trouble finding suitable employment on the Coast. Last Monday McGarry had a surprise visit to Melbourne for an unspecified reason which nevertheless created a wave of speculation in the Wollongong area as to his future plans.

KEN PARKHOUSE, Prague's reserve grade defender, was severely concussed during last Sunday's reserve grade match against APIA. He was taken to hospital where he spent three days under observation. At press time he was just about to be released.

Yugal's young fullback, IVAN NACINOVIC, returns to Yugoslavia on Friday to attend to his seriously sick father. The loss of this excellent defender is a blow to the team which is struggling to regain form. Nacinovic's place against St. George may be filled by Saints' former player, Frank Lang.

Second Division North Sydney-Inter have expressed interest in Argentinian centre-half, ROBERTO MURUA, who's still a retained Croatia player.

MANUEL GUERRERA, Croatia's talented 19-year-old former NSW junior representative, is back from Spain where he spent the last 18 months playing for Real Madrid in the minor grades. Guer-

ra, who is Spanish-born, was one of the State's most promising youngsters before he returned home.

BARRY SALISBURY, now successfully coaching Balgowrie, would like to continue as player-coach but can't: he is still a South Coast player and they ask for a transfer fee for him.

NSW Federation president, JIM BAYUTTI, returned from his business trip to Italy last Tuesday.

BRACKENBURY TESTIMONIAL

The NSW v. Ex-Canterbury XI match on Wednesday night, May 29, at Belmore Sports Ground has assumed special significance.

It will now be a full bore test for players vying for a place in the State team to play Cardiff City in Sydney on Sunday, June 16.

The ex-Canterbury team will include no less than five members of the NSW squad.

The announced teams are:

NSW XI: Fuze; Johnston, Ackerley; Schaefer, Maroch, Rafanelli, Blitz, Cliss, Tolson, Baartz, Jones.

Ex-Canterbury: Corry (King); Lincoln, Nuttall (Salisbury); Westwater (D. Brown), Curry, Yaager (R. Cush); F. Cush, Smith, Watkiss, Warren, Clarke (Hardy).

The Federation is combining with the Canterbury district to provide a fitting testimonial to the work of former Canterbury Association secretary, Bill Brackenbury.

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ARE BEST

"FOOT-TENNIS" STARTS MONDAY

The cream of Sydney's soccer, past and present, will be on review starting on Monday, at a unique "foot-tennis" competition.

It will be held indoors at "Soccer House," St. George-Budapest's Mortdale club.

Thirty-two pairs had entered when nominations closed this week.

Contestants will include several present-day and former stars such as John Warren, Zuckerman, Baartz, Yaager, Gardiner, Bottalico, Blue, Ackerley, Cliss, Blanco, Schauman, Schaefer, Andy Sagi, Walter Tamandl as well as coaches Laurie Hegyes and Joe Venglos.

Teams of twos have entered from all First Division clubs, except South Coast

and Canterbury, and from some Second Division clubs.

APIA, St. George and Hakoah have entered four pairs and Prague three.

The competition will be held on Monday nights and the first series is expected to take seven weeks to complete.

The winners will receive \$150 and the runners-up \$50 prize money.

The rules of this game,

immensely popular among players in Europe, follow closely along the lines of tennis — except that you kick or head the ball instead of hitting it.

Results of each Monday night's matches will be published in "Soccer World."

FLOTTA LAURO PLAYERS' COMPETITION

MARNOCH IS LEADER AFTER SEVEN GAMES

Allan Marnoch, the Hakoah skipper, is a clear leader in the SOCCER WORLD FLOTTA LAURO "Player of the Year" award.

The Australian international centre-half has averaged 4.43 points in the first seven First Division championship matches.

Marnoch gained a maximum six points for his herculean efforts in marshalling the Hakoah defence against Pan Hellenic's almost non-stop second half onslaught at Wentworth Park last Sunday.

Vic Reynolds of Croatia occupies second place at this early stage of our competition.

His average, however, has been somewhat boosted by the fact he has only played five matches to date.

The same can be said for Melita Eagles' veteran, Joe Cilia, and their promising youngster, Tony Edwards, both of whom are on 4.00 points, but have only made three first team appearances so far this season.

Players must appear in at least 16 of the 22 championship rounds to qualify for the first prize.

South Coast's new English import, Ron ("Cassius Clay") McGarry and Man-

fred Schaefer of St. George are equal third with an average of 4.14 points.

Ten players share fifth place with 4.00 points.

With the exception of McGarry, Cliss and Smith, every member of the four-

Brian Lincoln, our 1966 and 1967 award winners, haven't crashed the four-plus barrier yet, but both only require a first-class effort this weekend to average four points.

The Sydney First Division player with the highest points average at the completion of the 22 championship rounds will take out the first prize.

This year the world-famous shipping company, Flotta Lauro, has associated itself with "Soccer World" to reward the "Player of the Year."

The championship's most consistent performer will win a six-day cruise to New Zealand on one of the luxury liners, "Angelina Lauro" or "Achille Lauro."

The lucky player will be presented with his ticket be-

fore the kick-off of one of the final play-off matches in September.

He will also receive a cup from "Soccer World" as part of our 10th anniversary celebrations.

This is how the leaders now stand in the players' competition:

Marnoch (Hakoah)	4.43
Reynolds (Croatia)	4.20
McGarry (SCU)	4.14
Schaefer (St. George)	4.14
Banicevic (Yugoslavia)	4.00
Cilia (Melita)	4.00
Cliss (St. George)	4.00
Dzialach (Polonia)	4.00
Edwards (Melita)	4.00
Hopkins (St. George)	4.00
Rafaneli (Yugoslavia)	4.00
Scheinfug (Prague)	4.00
Smith (Pan Hellenic)	4.00
Yaager (Hakoah)	4.00

Progress standings will be published every two weeks.



Competition leader
ALLAN MARNOCH

plus club is a defender or a midfield player, following the same pattern as in previous seasons.

Alan Westwater and

Australia Cup

Keddie clinches 1-0 Hakoah win

Hakoah earned the hard way the right to meet St. George-Budapest in the quarterfinal of the Australia Cup next Wednesday night.

The game opened at a cracking pace with Hakoah gaining the upper hand.

They dominated the first 30 minutes but other than a sizzling shot from Yaager that almost broke the cross-bar and Stewart hitting the woodwork again from the rebound, they had few other chances.

Gradually Croatia closed up their defence and operated with occasional sorties through the mobile Giles and Reynolds.

The second half saw Croatia more than hold their own but once again, their defence-minded attitude cost them goals.

Extra-time seemed inevitable when Keddie, who had

replaced the injured Fekete at half-time broke away, sprinted some 30 yards and sent an unstoppable shot home to clinch victory.

For Hakoah, Marnoch, Yaager and Baartz were outstanding, for Croatia Sheperd, Stewart, Fekete and Giles stood out.

Hakoah: Fuzes, Stewart, Hillsdon, Gardiner, Marnoch, Yaager, Edmunds, Fekete (Keddie), Barnett, Baartz, Jones.

Croatia: Easter, Lincoln, Sloan, Curry, Shepherd, Wright, Reynolds, Page, Giles, F. C. H. Fraser.

Scorer: Keddie 83 min.

Referee: A. Boskovic.

Crowd: 1,600.

— Eddie Evans

English coaching methods changing

— By PAUL DEAN —

Venables, Mullery, McCreadie, Boyle, Jennings, McNeil — these London stars from Chelsea, Tottenham and Arsenal were just a few of the players who did the coaching course with Mike Johnson recently.

The course, over three months, was staged at Arsenal's ground Highbury and conducted by FA chief coach Alan Wade.

Johnson, the former Newcastle, Fulham, South Coast United and finally Croatia inside-forward, has just returned from England where his main mission was to get an FA coaching ticket.

First he attended a one-week course at Durham where the pupils live-in and devote all their time to the subjects.

Then came the three-month course in London with equal emphasis on practical and theoretical subjects.

"Coaching methods are rapidly changing in England," said Mike Johnson this week.

"More and more coaches and managers want to develop the ball skill of the players.

"They also begin to realise the importance of fluid teamwork based on inter-passing and moving into open spaces.

"In contrast with past practices, they openly encourage the development of a player's dribbling ability.

"Coaches begin to realise that in today's modern football a good dribbler is badly needed to open up massed defences."

"This change in attitudes is the result of the Continental influence on British soccer," says Johnson.

"Years ago British teams hardly ever met Continentals but now, through the various European cups, traffic has vastly increased.

"This may prove to be of mutual benefit.

"The English teams are getting more skilful while the Continentals begin to show added stamina and strength."

Johnson is now back with the ABC as a news reporter

NEW TAG WON'T SAVE US FACE

— By LOU GAUTIER —

Some Sydney First Division clubs don't want Cardiff City to play against NSW.

They want the local side to be called "Sydney" because they fear for soccer's image if the State team is beaten by the touring Second Division club.

A leading First Division club official said this week: "Our prestige would suffer a big blow if a lowly Second Division team from Britain beat the NSW State team.

"The crowds at local competition matches, which have been building up steadily this season, may fall off if NSW is beaten by Cardiff City.

"A loss by the State team would reflect on the whole of Sydney soccer.

"By calling the team Sydney, the prestige of the State wouldn't be at stake though spectators would still see the best local players in action," he added.

Talk about splitting hairs.

If the clubs are so worried about soccer's image being dented by a defeat at the hands of Cardiff, there are ready-made ways to avoid this.

NSW SQUAD

The NSW squad is:

Goalkeepers: Ron Corry (Croatia), Peter Fuzes (Hakoah), Terry Eaton (Melita Eagles).

Full-backs: Dave Johnston (Pan Hellenic), Stan Ackerley (APIA), Brian Lincoln (Croatia).

Half-backs: Denis Yaager, Ray Gardiner, Allan Marnoch (all Hakoah), Allan Westwater (Pan Hellenic), Les Scheinfug (Prague), Manfred Schaefer (St. George), Stretan Rafaneli (Yugoslavia).

Forwards: Ray Baartz, Keith Jones (Hakoah), Roy Blitz, Brian Smith (Pan Hellenic), David Cliss, Johnny Warren (St. George), Archie Blue (APIA), Ron Giles (Croatia), Max Tolson (South Coast).

Meet the players

ROAMING WINGER LIKES NEW TEAM

— By ALAN SPEERS —

As soccer success goes, the loyal band of fans who support Sydney's Polonia team have had little to enthuse about in recent seasons.

About the only "joy" they have had has been to see the team from across the bridge escape the anonymity of Second Division football.

This year — again — Polonia seemed prime relegation material; the old faces were still there, but precious few new ones.

Among the new faces was one player whose presence, I believe, has been a major factor in Polonia's astonishing rise to near the top of the competition table.

His name? Vic Povey.

Povey, a 23-year-old Englishman joined Polonia at the start of the season from Prague, where he was unable to hold down a regular first team spot.

While with Prague he was regarded as speedy and industrious, but nothing out of the box.

Now, a few months later, Polonia wouldn't sell him for a king's ransom.

While modestly disclaiming any special part in Polonia's spectacular rise, Povey says:

"I fit in here better than I ever did with Prague.

"I like to roam about looking for the ball, and here I can do it — unlike when I was with Prague.

"Then, if I left the wing to get the ball, the flank was left empty and I was in trouble."

Povey's skills were honed as a professional apprentice with the famous English Midlands club, Wolverhampton Wanderers.

He says there is a simple answer to Polonia's improved form.

"The reason is in the players' outlook. Once, they seemed to think 'oh well, it's just a game'.

"The result was that the team was two goals down before the game even started.

"But, that's a thing of the past," Povey said.

Nuggety and fair-haired, Povey today displays a more mature demeanour than in his helter-skelter days on the wing with Prague.

On Sunday, against premiers St. George, he drove the

"I'm glad I was wrong", he grinned.

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RESULTS & SCORERS

Canterbury

3 (1)
Hillhouse 35 min., Paxinos 76 min., Hood 85 min.

Manly

1 (0)
Waller 60 min.

Sth. Coast

3 (2)
Alston 34 min., Tolson 44 min.

Melita E.

0 (0)

Hakoah

2 (1)
D. Yaager 10 min., Baartz 89 min.

Pan Hellenics

0 (0)

A.P.I.A.

5 (3)
Giacometti 4 and 69 mins., Van Blerk 10 min., Campbell 26 min., McKinnon 50 min.

Prague

1 (0)
Thorne 53 min.

Yugal

0 (0)

Croatia

3 (2)
Shepherd 25 min. (penalty), R. Cush 43 min., Reynolds 70 min.

St. George

1 (1)
Schauman 25 min.

Polonia

2 (2)
Povey 20 min., Krawiarz 40 min. (penalty).

HOW THEY LINED UP

Demopoulos 3; Whitehead 4, Hardy 3; Galbraith 5, Taylor 3, Stridelis 4; Hillhouse 3, Rinos 3, Hood 2, Kauz 4, Paxinos 4.

TOTAL: 38

Coach: G. Polgar.

Tuinman 3; McGrath 3, Brooks 3; Verrills 3, Campbell 3, Jagger 3; Nutt 4, Henry 3, G. Jones 2, Harris 3, Waller 3.

TOTAL: 33

Coach: D. Adrigan.

Nuell 4; Barnes 3, Cuthbert 4; Anderson 5, Carr 3, Davies 3; Beattie 3, McGarry 4, Tolson 3, Alston 3, Paterson 3.

TOTAL: 38

Coach: J. Kelly.

Eaton 5; Robinson 3, Hunter 2; De Bruin 4, Duffy 3, Hewlitt 3; Quested 3, Bankhead 2, Azzopardi 3, Goldie 3, Nemet 4.

TOTAL: 35

Coach: J. Vlasits.

Fuzes 4; Stewart 3, Hillsdon 4; Gardiner 5, Marnoch 6, Yaager 5; Edmunds 4, Keddie 3, Barnett 3, Baartz 3, Jones 3.

TOTAL: 43

Coach: D. Holden.

Clarke 3; Johnston 4, Omeros 4; McCulloch 4, Cole 5, Hignett 4; Westwater 3, Smith 3, Laraman 2, Karyannis 2, Blitz 4.

TOTAL: 38

Coach: W. Tamandl.

Taylor 4; Van Blerk 4, Ackerley 4; Hughes 4, Sambrook 3, Bottalico 4; Campbell 3, Campana 4, Giacometti 5, Santoro 3, McKinnon 4.

TOTAL: 42

Coach: A. Iglesias.

King 3; Harcombe 3, Blacker 4; Zeman 3 (Tracey 3), Rootsey 3, Lissing 3; Gauto 4, Thorne 3, Scheinflug 5, Molnar 3, Armytage 4.

TOTAL: 38

Coach: J. Venglos.

Petrov 3; Nacinovic 4, Crnich 4; Halpin 3, Banicevic 4, Rafanelli 4; J. Alagich 3 (Clancy), Lalic 2, Edwards 3, Takac 3, Pacanin 2.

TOTAL: 35

Coach: F. Dunaj.

Corry 4; Lincoln 5, Sloan 4; Curry 4, Shepherd 4, Wright 3; Reynolds 4, Page 3, Giles 4, R. Cush 3, F. Cush 3.

TOTAL: 41

Coach: W. Vrolyks.

Haffey 4; Stegbauer 4, Hillary 3; Schaefer 5, Morgan 3, Zuckerman 3; Giovanni 2 (Mc Cue 4), Warren 3, Sandell 3, Cliss 4, Schauman 3.

TOTAL: 37

Coach: L. Hegyes.

Drewniak 4; Addison 3, Skiba 4; Adamson 2, Dzialach 4, Komoder 3; Povey 5, Minol 3, Kulak 3, Krawiarz 3, Calphy 3.

TOTAL: 37

Coach: G. Azzopardi.

SYDNEY RESULTS AND DETAILS

SUMMING UP THE MATCHES

Match rating: *

It was impossible to play football on the Arlington quagmire. As a result both teams fell into grotesque errors and the match was a non-stop procession of spills and crashes. Canterbury used the few dry patches of grass on the wings to better advantage than Manly who persisted to play in the muddy centre. Canterbury deserved their win. They enjoyed a big territorial advantage and were unlucky to hit the upright twice. Though Manly equalized in the 60th minute, the Berries always looked the better team after the interval. Manly again missed a couple of huge "sitters" and were their usual, tentative, hesitant selves in front of goal.

Crowd: 500.

Referee: A. Faraone.

— LOU GAUTIER

Match rating: *

The match was mediocre, with Melita content to play a tight defensive game which blunted the efforts of the United forward-line, which found it difficult to penetrate, particularly with goalie Eaton in such fine form. United were fortunate to hold such a commanding lead at half-time because their first goal appeared clearly off-side. However, it was all South Coast after the interval and they would have scored another three goals had it not been for the brilliant Eaton. Melita Eagles were non-existent in attack. South Coast can play much better, but against the meek opposition a 50 per cent effort was sufficient.

Crowd: 3,756.

Referee: N. Jones.

— LEN SIMMONS

Match rating: *

Hakoah didn't play brilliantly, only extremely cleverly, to win this exciting tie. While they clearly held the upper hand in the first half, Hakoah were forced to defend grimly for the next 45 minutes; they did this superbly, marshalled by Marnoch, this modern-day Atlas holding his team on his broad shoulders. Pan Hellenic attacked incessantly, with incredible spirit and eagerness right through the second half but couldn't penetrate the thick blue line of defence. Possibly it was an error to waste Westwater on the wing; maybe it was a hotly disputed disallowed Pan Hellenic goal that was the turning point. Whichever the case, Hakoah have proved once again that with a well organised defence and a forward line capable of taking its few chances, a team can have a big future in Sydney football.

Crowd: 7,502.

Referee: A. Boskovic.

— PAUL DEAN

Match rating: *

The message of this match is that APIA is again the APIA of old — not just "old APIA". Giacometti set a cracking pace by goaling superbly from a skewed ball from Bottalico in the fourth minute, and from there on his side never looked like being in danger. Scheinflug drove his Prague team to a 90-minute effort. But a half share of the ball was just not good enough against APIA. Prague shot frequently at goal, but without APIA's sting, and there was some looseness in defence. But if only every 5-1 result could bring such bright, spectacular football!

Crowd: 4,029.

Referee: H. Parsons.

— KEITH GILMOUR

Match rating: *

Despite Croatia's marked superiority, this game was no one-sided affair. In fact, Yugal had their fair share of attacks too. However, Yugal again bogged down badly in front of the goalmouth and many good scoring chances were wasted. Croatia played with more confidence and purpose than their opponents and showed a big improvement on recent outings. Brian Lincoln, at right back, gave an outstanding display in a co-ordinated defence system that could not be faulted while Giles and Reynolds were the inspiration of a forward-line which kept harassing the Yugal defence up to the final whistle.

Crowd: 2,464.

Referee: K. Lockrey.

— CHARLES SPITERI

Match rating: *

Polonia, nowadays showing scant regard for reputations, continued on their merry way with a somewhat fortunate win over hapless Saints, who had plenty of luck — all of it bad. Gaining their decisive lead just before half-time, Polonia defied all efforts by St. George in the second half, at times pulling all but one forward back into their goal area, and confirmed their earlier wins over more highly-rated opponents. The match never reached great heights, but was interesting to the last.

Crowd: 2,100.

Referee: M. Buchanan.

— ALAN SPEERS

COACHES COMMENT

Gyula Polgar: "We made hard work of our victory. However, under the appalling conditions, I was satisfied with the team's display, especially in the second half when every player pulled his weight."

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Denes Adrigan: "The shocking conditions — more fit for waterpolo — influenced the match. The slippery ball and water-logged pitch made soccer impossible. The ball did not bounce favorably for Manly."

Jim Kelly: "We won comfortably. Our chaps played in a nice, relaxed fashion. In fact, our forwards were too relaxed at times, but we are getting better every time."

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Joe Vlasits: "The shocking decision by the linesman to allow the first goal spoilt the game and ruined Melita's chances. I was pleased with our defence's display. It stood its ground well."

Doug Holden: "We were under tremendous pressure in the second half, so I was naturally happy to see the boys stand their ground. I think our team-work won us the game".

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Walter Tamandl: "We did not lose because of the referee, but because we just couldn't score. Playing the way we did, we would beat Hakoah nine times out of ten. Today was the exception."

Adauto Iglesias: "The boys are getting faster to the ball. Just two or three weeks now and APIA will be in top gear".

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Joe Venglos: "A good game nevertheless. APIA were better, but not 5-1 better. The ball ran for them at the start. We were equal with them territorially."

Ferdo Dunaj: "Croatia played the better football and deserved the win. Our weakness was again in attack even though some of the forwards tried very hard."

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Bill Vrolyks: "I'm pleased with the progress of the side. Slowly but surely the boys are regaining form and it won't be long before they reach their peak. When they do, Croatia will be upsetting the big teams."

Laurie Hegyes: "You can't beat the referee! He should have awarded St. George a penalty at least four times during the match, yet chose to ignore every one. The penalty he did award — for the tackle on Kulak — was never 'on'. Kulak could not possibly have reached the ball."

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George Azzopardi: "We just about deserved to win on the run of play, particularly as Krawiarz was a passenger with a pulled leg muscle for the entire second half. Before he was injured we more than held our own."

ROUND MAY FAVOR HAKOAH, POLONIA

— By LOU GAUTIER —

This weekend is one of the rare occasions where the most interesting and important First Division match will be played on Saturday.

There is little doubt that the clash between freshly deposed leaders Pan Hellenic and the virile, ambitious South Coast United is the key match of the round.

Polonia, who also play on Saturday — against Canterbury — and Hakoah who travel to Manly, could be the prime beneficiaries of the ninth round.

Both are tipped to win, and could gain a clear break on the rest of the field, depending on the result of the Pan Hellenic v. South Coast tie.

Our previews for the weekend:

Pan Hellenic v. South Coast

The game is vital to both teams.

Pan Hellenic must prove to their large vociferous following that last weekend's defeat was just a slip, not the slump some had predicted would result once they started meeting tougher opposition.

Another defeat would start tongues wagging as to whether the Pan Hellenic bubble has burst, while for the provincials, still chasing that elusive first Sydney win for some time, the opportunity is ripe to prove they are the semifinal contenders coach Jim Kelly claims.

Pan Hellenic-South Coast matches in the past have often provided fire-works and fiery

incidents, on and off the field, by the very nature of their fast and furious styles. Action, speed, and the occasional touch of drama, is almost assured from the kick-off here.

Only the fittest will survive what should be a bruising cliff-hanger.

Playing in front of their fans, hungry for revenge, Pan Hellenic will be galvanized and it will take the very best South Coast to return home with a point.

Pan Hellenic are our tip to win narrowly.

Polonia v. Canterbury

Having extricated themselves from the bottom of the table, Canterbury come up against the sensational Polonia, firmly entrenched in equal second place.

On paper, Polonia, at North Sydney, should win another two points to consolidate their position at the top of the ladder.

On the field, however, things may turn out differently.

Despite Polonia's remarkable string of successes, there appears to be very little between the two teams.

Polonia have the edge in defence, mainly through stopper Dzialach, whose form has been hard to fault, but the Berries have the more potent attack.

Povey and Krawiarz and, to a lesser degree, Kulak, have carried Polonia's forward-line this year, Minol, their star player last season, still searching for the form which made him one of Sydney's leading forwards in 1967.

In this year's excitingly open championship, a win by Canterbury couldn't be classed as an outsize shock.

Polonia's record, however, commands plenty of respect,

enough, in fact, for them to start slight favorites of an evenly-contested match likely to be decided by the odd goal.

Melita Eagles v. APIA

APIA returned to form with a bang last Sunday and will be flat out to repeat the dose at Mona Park.

After a brief moment of glory earlier in the championship, Melita Eagles have



SANTORO (APIA)

and their forward-line, now that Giacometti has again found the net, is immensely superior, Thorne's late signing notwithstanding.

Despite Melita's 0-0 draw at Mona Park with Hakoah a fortnight ago, APIA should not allow their opponents to get off so lightly and are favored to continue their march forward unhindered.

Yugal v. St. George

If APIA are on the comeback trail, the same can hardly be said for St. George, whose wretched form continues to mystify.

For some unknown reason, last year's Grand Final winners continue to misfire, and unless they improve soon their "first four" hopes will quickly vanish.

Saints cannot gain any consolation in the knowledge that Yugal are even worse off.

The way Saints have performed lately, they are no sure thing to come away from Marks Field on Sunday with the two points.

Yugal continue to disappoint week after week, particularly their forwards who seem to have forgotten how to score.

Whether they can rediscover the way to the goal against Saints, whose defence has been somewhat more efficient than their attack all through the early part of this season, remains to be seen.

The personal duel between key players Cliss and Rafaneli should be the highlight around which the final result may hinge.

A draw is the likely outcome.

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The prospect of meeting the championship leaders cannot fill them with glee.

Hakoah, at this stage, is the last team Manly would want to meet.

It's impossible to conceive Hakoah's defence conceding a goal at Graham's Reserve.

Manly will only have their gallant courage and spirit to oppose to Sydney's best balanced side.

Hakoah's impregnable defence should ensure that their forwards, where Watkiss is almost certain to make his long-awaited first team debut, see plenty of the ball.

If Jones and Barnett join in the spirit of things and lend a hand to Baartz and dashing winger Edmunds, Hakoah should win with plenty to spare.

Croatia v. Prague

While Croatia are slowly, but surely, convalescing, Prague will have to pull out all stops to arrest their tumble down the ladder.

Prague's defence, for the second time in three matches, revealed alarming gaps against APIA.

Despite their three goals against Yugal, Croatia's forwards are far less potent than APIA's, so it's in attack on Sunday that Prague will have to win this match.

On paper, at least, Prague have the forwards capable of setting them back on the road to success, but against a Croatia defence playing it's back into last year's form, it won't be easy.

Prague will have to play more direct, robust football and unless they secure a grip on the midfield, the breakaways engineered by Reynolds and Giles, Croatia's two anchor men, could pay off.

Conscious that another loss may put paid to their final play-off prospects, we expect Prague to put more sting in their game and win a low-scoring game on the wide Marks Field expanse, much more suited to their fluid style than the cramped Lambert Park pitch.

PAN HELLENIC

CLARKE
JOHNSTON
OMEROS
MCCULLOCH
COLE
WESTWATER
BLITZ
KARYANNIS
SMITH
LARAMAN
HIGNETT

SOUTH COAST

NUELL
BARNES
CUTHBERT
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WARREN
SCHAUMAN
CLISS
FERNANDEZ

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CORRY
LINCOLN
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WRIGHT
REYNOLDS
PAGE
GILES
R. CUSH
F. CUSH

PRAGUE

EARL
HARCOMBE
BLACKER
ZEMAN
ROOTSEY
BLANCO
GAUTO
HOGGART
SCHEINFLUG
MOLNAR
ARMYTAGE

TEAM OF THE WEEK

EATON

(Melita Eagles)

LINCOLN
(Croatia)

ANDERSON
(SCU)

CAMPANA
(APIA)

POVEY
(Polonia)

MARNOCH

(Hakoah)

D. YAAGER

KAUZ

BLITZ

GIACOMETTI

(APIA)

ST. GEORGE

APIA

St. George

Croatia

Pan Hellenic

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Prague

Polonia

Yugal

Melita Eagles

South Coast

Manly

FIRST DIVISION REFEREES

Pan Hellenic v. South Coast — A. R. Brown; Polonia v. Canterbury — J. Henkelman; Melita Eagles v. APIA — G. Naylor; Manly v. Hakoah — J. Stiff; Yugal v. St. George — A. Boskovic; Croatia v. Prague — N. Campbell.

LEADING SCORERS

Alston (SCU)
Smith (Pan Hellenic)
Cliss (St. George)
G. Manuel (Prague)
Baartz (Hakoah)
Karyannis (P. Hellenic)
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Now with both struggling, there is a distinct possibility for the "draw" column to swell.

Croatia v. Prague: 3-2-5

Two 2-2 draws was the balanced fare of 1967 but previously Prague had a slight superiority.

With Croatia improving and Prague slowing up, could it be another draw?

RESULT SCOREBOARD

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ROUND THE WORLD

South American final tied

Estudiantes de la Plata (Argentina) and Palmeiras of Brazil will have to play-off in the final of the South American Champions' Cup. Both recorded a 2-1 win at home. The deciding match was played midweek at Montevideo, Uruguay.

Rapid's 25th title

Rapid have clinched the 1967-68 Austrian First Division championship. This is the famous Viennese club's second consecutive title and the 25th in their history. Czech-born coach Rudolf Vytlaclil also coached Rapid to success last season. FK Austria, once again beaten on the post by their traditional rivals, will spend big money to gain revenge next season. Their first buy will be Thomas Nordahl, the son of the famous Swede, Gunnar Nordahl, whose contract Austria will buy from Juventus.

News from the USA

The big event of the last round of the US National League was Oakland's first home defeat in 18 months. Oakland, the 1967 US Professional League champions, were beaten by Atlanta 1-0. Oakland hadn't lost a match for 23 games at home. Atlanta are the current leaders in Group "A" and Cleveland lead Group "B". So far, matches in Group "A" have outdrawn those in Group "B". The crowd average is about 5,000.

Heavy defeat

The 3-0 loss against Russia last Saturday which eliminated Hungary from the European Championships on a 3-2 aggregate, was the heaviest defeat Hungary had suffered in European football since 1949 when they lost 5-2 in Prague to Czechoslovakia. In the semifinals Russia will play Italy in Naples and England will meet Yugoslavia in Florence, on June 5. The final will be played on June 8 in Rome.

Kamamoto will turn pro.

Japan's brilliant centre-forward, Kamamoto, will turn professional after the Olympic Games. Kamamoto will sign a professional form with the West German regional club, Saarbrucken FC, with whom he played as an amateur earlier this year while studying at Saarbrucken's Industrial Institute. Kamamoto, one of the best overseas forwards seen in Australia, will act as the local representative of the large Japanese firm, Sony, in the Saar.



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The following Olympic qualifying matches still have to be played: El Salvador v. Trinidad (May 19 and 26), USSR v. Czechoslovakia (May 21, June 2), Guatemala v. Costa Rica (May 26, June 2), Morocco v. Ghana (June 9 and 30). Bulgaria qualified for the final tournament in Mexico when Turkey were disqualified because players didn't comply with FIFA's amateur player status.

● The AC Milan team was granted an interview by the Pope before their European Cup-winners' Cup semifinal in Munich. AC Milan, having eliminated Bayern München, will meet Hamburger SV in the final at Rotterdam on May 23.

● Holland and Scotland will meet at Amsterdam on May 30. Nine of the 16-man Scottish squad are Anglo-Scots.

● Garrincha's wife, the popular Brazilian pop singer, Elza Suarez, has signed a one-year contract with a chain of Californian hotels. Her husband is now certain to leave Brazil to play in the US, either with Oakland, Los Angeles or San Diego.

● A small consolation for Rangers: they attracted more spectators during the recent Scottish competition than champions Celtic. Rangers' matches were watched by 1,215,021 fans as against 1,012,900 for Celtic.

● Sparta Prague, though still not out of danger of relegation, are breathing easier these days. They won their last two matches and now occupy equal sixth place with Slavia and Inter Bratislava. The three clubs, however, are only three points removed from relegation. Bohemians, the club that toured Australia way back in 1927, will be relegated this year.

● Nigeria has qualified for the Mexico Olympic tournament by eliminating Ethiopia.

● Atletico Madrid are feverishly looking for a coach to replace Otto Gloria, who has rejoined Benfica. The Spaniards have started negotiations with Fernando Riera, the Chilean, and Argentinian Nestor Rossi.

● The German Bundesliga's top goalscorer, Hennes Lohr, is also one of his country's leading tennis players. German tennis experts claim Lohr could play in the Davis Cup if he concentrated solely on tennis.

● England will play West Germany at Hannover on June 1 — five days before their European Championship semifinal match in Florence against Yugoslavia.

● Thirty-seven year-old goalkeeper, Szanwald (FK Austria) made an unexpected return to Austria's national team against Rumania at Linz on May 1. The match resulted in a 1-1 draw.

● Valentín Suárez, the big boss of Argentinian soccer, has threatened to resign unless structural reforms within the clubs are implemented within a month. Suárez was appointed by the clubs themselves 18 months ago to sort out the many problems facing Argentinian football.

● Santos will play eight matches in the USA next month. Led by Pele, Santos will be paid a staggering \$20,000 a match.

● René Quentin, Switzerland's top player this season, will transfer from Sion to FC Zurich next season. The fee may be an all-time Swiss record in the vicinity of \$70,000.

● Raymond Kopa, France's greatest player, may soon be opted to assist Louis Dugauguez with the preparation of the French national team, which still has to win a friendly match since beating Chile 6-0 in 1960.

● Brazilian crowds are once again swelling: the Botafogo v. Flamengo clash had 130,000 and the Botafogo-Vasco de Gama tie had 154,000 spectators in Rio's Filho (formerly Maracana) stadium.

● Lucien Muller, Barcelona's French international halfback, may return to France next season to coach an amateur Alsatian club.

● Penarol, the unofficial world club champion two years ago, want to build a super-team next season. The Uruguayan club is prepared to spend up to \$500,000 on new players.

● Did you know that since Alf Ramsey manages England, the national team has won 37 of its 56 matches drawn 17 times and lost seven games, scoring 129 goals and conceding 60 in the process?

● Josef Masopust, the great Czechoslovakian player has just published a book: "Ten golden balls," in which he discusses the greatest players of his era and his impressions on world soccer.

● FIFA president, Sir Stanley Rous, will visit Mexico next month to survey the sites of the 1970 World Cup.

● Berndt Dorfel, Hamburger SV's dreaded striker, will join last year's West German champions, Eintracht Braunschweig, next season.

● Ion Ionescu, Rumania's centre-forward, may become his country's first soccer player allowed to play abroad. Ionescu, who has been capped 29 times, may join Alemannia Aachen of West Germany.

● Rachid Mekloufi, the star Algerian-born forward of French champions, St. Etienne, will leave the club next season. He may join Servette Geneva, now coached by his best friend, Jean Smella, the former St. Etienne coach.

● The Italian FA have renewed the contract of national team coach Ferruccio Valcareggi for two years.

Bundesliga success queried

All's not well with the West German Bundesliga. Some German newspapers are starting to question the success of the national league, now in its sixth season. The "Allgemeine Zeitung" last week wrote that the Bundesliga had weakened the national team, almost destroyed German amateur soccer and sent most clubs bankrupt. The big payments to star players and coaches is blamed for the financial difficulties now facing almost every club. The "Allgemeine Zeitung's" Werner Hollein wrote last week that the Bundesliga was destroying the grass roots of German soccer.

Masopust shops around

Josef Masopust's stay in Brussels with Crossing Moelenbeck was short-lived. The Czech ace last week spent four days in Mexico negotiating with last year's champion club, Toluca. Masopust has the Czech FA's permission to play abroad, and he's obviously shopping around for the highest bidder. Besides Toluca, the Chilean club, Universidad Chile, are also interested in signing him because Masopust enjoys a big reputation in Chile where Czechoslovakia reached the final of the World Cup in 1962.

SCOREBOARD

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP (quarterfinals)

Spain v. England 1-2 (England qualified for semifinals on 3-1 aggregate); USSR v. Hungary 3-0 (USSR reached semis on 3-2 aggregate).

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS' CUP

Benfica v. Juventus 2-0 (first leg of semifinal).

EUROPEAN CUPWINNERS' CUP

Bayern München v. AC Milan 0-0 (AC Milan qualified for final on 2-0 aggregate).

OLYMPIC QUALIFIER

Austria v. France 1-1 (France qualifies for Mexico).

INTERNATIONALS

Wales v. West Germany 1-1; Sweden v. Spain 1-1 (Stockholm).

AUSTRIA

LASK v. Sturm Graz 0-3; Sportklub v. FK Austria 1-0; Vienna v. Rapid 0-1; GAK v. Klagenhurt 1-2; Admira v. Eisenstadt 0-4; Radenthein v. Salzburg 0-0; Bregenz v. Innsbruck 0-1. Table: Rapid 37; FK Austria, Innsbruck 32; Sportklub 27; Klagenhurt 23; GAK 22.

BELGIUM

St. Trond v. Racing White 4-2; Antwerp v. Lierse 3-1; Malines v. Anderlecht 0-0; Standard Liege v. Waregem 1-2; Bruges v. Beerschot 3-1; Olympic Charleroi v. FC Liege 0-1; Beveren Waas v. Sporting Charleroi 2-0; Daring Brussels v. Beringen 0-2. Table: Anderlecht 44; Bruges 43; Standard Liege 38; Waregem, St. Trond 32.

BULGARIA

Dobroudja v. Lokomotiva Sofia 0-0; CSKA v. Lokomotiva Plovdiv 2-1; Slavia Sofia v. Botev Bourgas 3-1; Trakia v. Levski 2-1; Spartak Sofia v. Beroe 3-1; Plevne v. Miners 2-0; Maritsa v. Slivene 1-0; Cerno more v. Botev Vratsa 3-1. Table: CSKA, Lokomotiva Sofia 32; Levski 31; Spartak Sofia 26.

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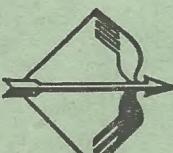
Slovia v. Trenčín 0-0; Teplice v. Zilina 3-1; Ostrava v. Bohemians 3-0; Trnava v. Inter Bratislava 4-0; Lokomotiva v. Spartak 0-3; Dukla v. Kosice 3-1; Slovan Bratislava v. Plzen 0-1. Table: Trnava 28; Trenčín 25; Slovan Bratislava 24; Kosice 23.

YUGOSLAVIA

Red Star v. Partizan 2-2; Hajduk v. Zagreb 1-1; Olimpija v. Proleter 3-1; Zeljeznicar v. Vardar 0-0; Dinamo Zagreb v. Velez 1-1; Vojvodina v. OFK Belgrade 0-0; Rijeka v. Maribor 0-1; Radnicki Niš v. Sarajevo 1-0. Table: Partizan 34; Red Star 33; Zeljeznicar 28; Dinamo Zagreb, Hajduk



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TOUGH WINTER LOOMING FOR VICTORIAN CLUBS

— From BOB LOW —

It looks like being a tough winter ahead for soccer in so far as attendances and gate receipts are concerned.

And if the soccer chiefs reckon I'm being pessimistic then I suggest they should strongly heed the warning of Victorian Football League (Australian Rules brand) who, after only a few rounds played, are screaming out over their diminishing crowds.

Soccer too, is likely to feel the pinch with fans becoming more choosey than ever and more than a few complaining bitterly at the degenerating standard and the high admission cost.

It would only be a fool who would hide the fact that at club level the quality of the game is incomparable to that produced by more than a few teams in the early 60's when Polonia and JUST were at their peak.

More important still is the plain truth that attendances have declined over the past five or six years despite the fact that thousands of soccer-loving migrants from almost every country in Europe arrive in this country every year.

Here in Victoria the position is no worse and possibly no better than in other States although in deference it must be said that in this part of Australia the round ball code has the toughest fight of all in competing with the stronghold of Australian Rules.

Fourth coach in as many weeks

— From ALLAN CRISP —

If Mario Corti is appointed coach of Adelaide Juventus this week, he will be the fourth coach the club has engaged in four weeks — surely an Australian record.

At press time, Corti's pic Sports Field last Saturday, from Melbourne Juventus to the Adelaide "sister" club seemed only a formality.

The controversial player-coach left Adelaide two years ago to coach Melbourne Juventus.

He returned to Adelaide last Thursday and announced that he intends to settle here indefinitely.

Former Juventus, SA and Australian full-back, Fulvio Pagani was "acting" coach last Saturday but Corti addressed the players before the game and at half-time assisted in placing the side.

Corti received a rousing ovation from the crowd when he appeared at Olym-

New ideas for squad

The SA selectors Alex Hastings and Adrian Deckers, may take a new approach to selection of the State side to meet Cardiff City on June 29.

Deckers, who is also team manager, said, "We are toying with the idea of selecting a squad of 25, none of whom will be more than 20 years old."

"They will be chosen in addition to a normal squad made up of players we will be watching in club matches."

Edmund Kref, who coached SA against Victoria, has been appointed coach for the remaining games this season.

— Allan Crisp

Compared with former years, fans in Melbourne can have little complaint if any at all of the ground facilities and amenities which are undoubtedly way ahead of any other State in Australia.

Four club sides — Croatia, Slavia, Alexander and George Cross — share the most modern soccer ground and amenities in Australia at Olympic Park, South Melbourne Hellas and Hakoah are nearly on a par at Middle Park and the same applies to Juventus, Melbourne and Footscray JUST at St. Kilda Cricket Ground.

Wilhelmina out at Jubilee Park, Ringwood have a compact stadium which compares favorably with any other except in capacity and Polonia who recently returned to Maribynong, have had a face-lift which has improved the ground considerably.

Only Lions of the State League clubs are not well placed at Montgomery Park.

And the fact they have no cover for the fans and the playing surface leaves a lot to be desired is obviously due to plain and simple economics.

However, something is "cooking" with the Essendon side in regard to improved ground facilities

which is meantime being kept as a top secret with the management.

So in effect, the old argument by fans about the lack of ground facilities and amenities cannot now be put forward as an excuse for not supporting a club.

While many players cannot be blamed for their lack of endeavour and club loyalty, there are some who not only stroll through the game with the minimum of effort but also prove a continual source of worry to their managements off the field through their incessant and often bare-faced demands.

For the first time in the history of the State League, clubs have this season put their foot down and shown some real sense by rejecting astronomical demands for hand-outs which, if given, could have sent some broke.

A bigger effort by more than a few players would most certainly make a worthwhile contribution to the improvement of the game.

GREEK SUPPORT

From a State League angle it is fortunate indeed for almost every club that South Melbourne Hellas and Alexander, the two top

Greek sides are playing well, getting good results and providing a "shot-in-the-arm" for the game in general by pulling in big crowds.

In fact, it would be almost true to say that of the weekly totals for the six matches played each weekend, the games involving South Melbourne Hellas and Alexander are responsible for almost two-thirds of the total attendances at all State League games.

I would shudder to think of the catastrophic effect it would have on the State League crowds if Hellas and Alexander, and particularly the former, were to lose even a handful of games and occupy lowly positions on the league ladder.

For if they do, the coffers of those who provide the opposition will certainly be greatly affected.

NEW VIC. TRIO SELECTED

The Victorian State squad which has begun serious training for their two games against Cardiff City is much on the usual lines, except for the inclusion of Bobby Thomson, the Wilhelmina defender, Ziggy Gadecki, the Polonia right-winger and Tommy Robertson the George Cross wing-half.

Few will quibble at the inclusion of this trio.

But one shock is the selection of Mike O'Hara, who is currently transferred by Hakoah and who has not appeared for the Middle Park side in the league this year as Sandy Henderson is in goal.

The full squad is: Schroif (Slavia), O'Hara (Hakoah), Keith (Hakoah), Cook (Slavia), Thomson (Wilhelmina), Randles (Slavia), Van Alphen (Hakoah), Micic (Hellas), Goodwin (Slavia), Gadecki (Polonia), McColl (Juventus), Abonyi (Croatia), Norman (Juventus), Vojtek (Croatia), McMeekan (Croatia) and Robertson (George Cross).

— Bob Low

INTER-STATE SOCCER

VICTORIAN RESULTS

Croatia 1 (Glaser) v. Hakoah 0. Wilhelmina 1 (Villers) v. Lions 1 (Roseweir). Polonia 3 (Gadecki 2, Swoboda) v. Slavia 1 (Reid). Hellas 3 (Bedford, Tzarelas, Pyrgolios) v. Alexander 1 (Andrikousas).

Juventus 4 (Molloy 2, McColl, Di Marchi) v. JUST 2 (Rice, Kaz). George Cross 4 (McCallum, Brown) v. Melbourne-HSC 0.

VIC. TABLE

VICTORIAN TABLE						
George Cross	4	2	16	5	10	
Hakoah	4	1	13	4	9	
Hellas	3	2	10	7	8	
Croatia	3	1	2	5	7	
Wilhelmina	2	3	1	9	8	
Alexander	2	2	2	10	6	
Polonia	1	4	1	5	6	
Juventus	1	2	3	10	18	4
Lions	1	2	3	3	6	4
Melbourne	1	2	3	6	12	4
JUST	—	1	5	4	15	1

MELBOURNE PROGRAM

Saturday: Croatia v. Polonia at Olympic Park, Hakoah v. George Cross at Middle Park, Melbourne v. Wilhelmina at St. Kilda.

Sunday: Lions v. Juventus at Maribynong, JUST v. SM Hellas at St. Kilda, Alexander v. Slavia at Olympic Park.

S.A. TABLE

Polonia	4	—	10	1	8
Hellas	3	1	14	6	7
Beograd	2	2	7	3	6
Lion	2	1	7	5	5
Victoria	2	—	2	7	6
Croatia	2	—	2	4	4
Juventus	1	1	2	4	5
Elizabeth	1	—	3	10	2
Austria	—	1	3	11	1
Cumberland	—	4	3	12	1

S.A. PROGRAM

Polonia v. Victoria — Croydon Park.

WA Hellas v. Croatia — Hindmarsh Stadium.

Beograd v. Juventus — Woodville West.

Cumberland v. Austria — Bailey Reserve.

Elizabeth City v. USC — Ramsay Park.

Austria v. Beograd 0-0.

USC Lion v. Victoria-Enfield 3-2.

Goals: Baines, J. Nyskohus; Whin-

cup; Matissak.

— Allan Crisp

SOCER WORLD

WITH THE AMATEURS

MARRICKVILLE HOLDS LEADERS TO A DRAW

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

Marrickville all but toppled the First Division Inter-Suburban leaders, Wentworthville, at Jones Park on Sunday.

The match resulted in a 2-2 draw.

Marrickville led 2-1 with eight minutes remaining, but Blinkhurst came through to equalise.

Artarmon, second-placed in Inter-Suburban First Division, were untroubled to record a 3-0 win against Blacktown at Artarmon Reserve last Saturday.

Scorers for the winners were Terry Williams, Andy McAlpine, and Alan Patterson.

Although Artarmon had five first team men out through injury, their game was far more fluent than their opponents'.

Blacktown, it should be said, played good, clean football, and defended stubbornly when the occasion demanded.

They have a big job ahead to put soccer really on the map in their district.

Thistle defeated Ryde 4-2 after leading 1-0 at half-time.

Goalscorers were A. Miller (2), R. Cummings and T. Atherton.

University of New South Wales moved to the middle section of the table with a 1-0 win over Lidcombe at Coleman Park.

The match was a very even one, somewhat slowed in pace by the muddy surface.

David Chantrill was Wales' scorer.

In Third Division at Meadowbank Park, Dee Why downed West Ryde 2-0 in a hard tussle.

Dee Why centre-forward Peter Koens scored twice early in the first half.

West Ryde played very strongly, and at times Dee Why's goal bore a charmed life.

For the winners, both outside-left Alan Crawford and goalkeeper Andy Fraser had a good match.

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

FIRST DIVISION

Artarmon v. Blacktown 3-0 6-0

Lidcombe v. NSW Uni. 0-1 1-0

Concordia v. Belmont 2-2 3-4

Thistle v. Ryde 4-2 6-1

Eastside-MTK v. S. Syd. 2-3 2-4

Wentv. v. Marrickville 2-2 3-3

SECOND DIVISION

Sydney Uni. v. Kewpies 6-1 0-1

Arcliffe v. Auburn 1-4 5-0

Warringah v. St. Marys 5-3 2-4

Penrith v. Riverside 1-5 1-9

Enmore v. Yagoona 3-0 1-0

Gymea v. Guildford 0-4 1-2

THIRD DIVISION

Rovers v. All Stars 1-2 8-0

Ffield-Kiev v. Smithfield 4-2 1-1

West Ryde v. Dee Why 0-2 2-4

Greenacre v. Condell Pl. 0-2 3-1

FOURTH DIVISION

Ku-ring-gai v. P'stov. 3-4 1-1

Beverly Hills v. Liverpool 0-2 9-1

Chelsea v. Central Utd. 1-4 2-5

Prospect v. Maroubra 0-1 2-3

Newtown v. C'town 3-4 1-2</

Competition Tables

FIRST DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Prague	6	—	1	25	6	12
APIA	5	1	1	18	7	11
SCU	5	—	2	22	13	10
Melita Eagles	5	—	2	18	14	10
Croatia	3	3	1	10	10	9
Polonia	3	1	3	16	16	7
St. George	3	—	4	15	15	6
Hakoah	2	1	4	8	6	5
Pan Hellenic	2	—	5	9	14	4
Manly	2	—	5	8	16	4
Canterbury	2	—	5	9	23	4
Yugal	1	—	6	5	19	2

GRADE II.

	W	D	L	F	A	P
St. George	6	1	—	14	7	13
Pan Hellenic	4	3	—	8	2	11
Croatia	5	1	1	18	8	11
Canterbury	4	2	1	16	9	10
Prague	5	—	2	15	9	10
Yugal	3	3	1	14	10	9
SCU	2	1	4	15	13	5
Hakoah	2	1	4	10	12	5
Melita Eagles	2	1	4	15	21	5
Manly	1	1	5	10	19	3
Polonia	1	—	6	9	19	2
APIA	—	7	3	16	—	—

SECOND DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bankstown	6	1	—	18	6	13
Auburn	5	1	1	20	11	11
Sutherland	4	2	1	15	13	10
Granville	4	1	2	16	10	9
Balgownie	3	2	2	15	9	8
Western Subs.	4	—	3	17	14	8
Marconi	3	1	3	9	7	7
Corinthians	3	1	3	9	20	5
NS-Inter	2	1	4	9	21	5
N. Bankstown	1	2	4	9	20	4
Hornsby-NE	1	—	6	17	18	2
Lane Cove	—	7	6	20	—	—

GRADE III.

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Western Subs.	6	1	—	26	5	13
Bankstown	6	—	1	36	10	12
Balgownie	6	—	1	23	11	12
Hornsby-NE	5	—	2	16	9	10
Sutherland	4	1	2	23	13	9
Auburn	2	3	2	15	12	7
Marconi	3	1	3	9	7	7
Granville	3	—	4	17	27	6
Lane Cove	2	—	5	4	33	4
Corinthians	2	—	5	8	17	2
N. Bankstown	1	—	6	9	22	1
NS-Inter	1	—	6	8	28	1

GRADE II.

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Western Subs.	6	1	—	26	5	13
Bankstown	6	—	1	36	10	12
Balgownie	6	—	1	23	11	12
Hornsby-NE	5	—	2	16	9	10
Sutherland	4	1	2	23	13	9
Auburn	2	3	2	15	12	7
Marconi	3	1	3	9	7	7
Granville	3	—	4	17	27	6
Lane Cove	2	—	5	4	33	4
Corinthians	2	—	5	8	17	2
N. Bankstown	1	—	6	9	22	1
NS-Inter	1	—	6	8	28	1

GRADE III.

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Pan Hellenic	6	1	—	26	3	14
Polonia	5	1	—	28	4	11
Sutherland	4	3	—	27	4	11
N. Bankstown	4	2	1	18	10	10
Granville	4	1	2	17	14	9
Auburn	3	—	4	22	18	6
Hornsby-NE	3	—	4	13	13	6
Balgownie	3	—	4	13	14	6
Lane Cove	3	—	4	17	25	6
NS-Inter	1	1	5	13	20	3
Corinthians	1	—	6	8	42	2
Marconi	—	7	6	33	—	—

INTER-SUBURBAN

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Went	6	1	—	27	6	13
Artarmon	4	3	—	18	5	11
Thistle	4	1	2	23	9	9
Sth. Sydney	4	1	2	11	10	9
Marrickville	3	2	2	15	10	8
Eastside-MTK	3	—	4	14	17	6
Uni. NSW	3	—	4	10	17	6
Belmore	1	4	2	7	14	6
Concordia	2	1	4	10	16	5
Blacktown	2	—	5	12	26	4
Ryde	1	2	4	5	13	4
Lidcombe	1	1	5	7	17	3

SECOND DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Enmore	6	1	—	24	5	13
Guildford	6	—	1	22	7	12
Warringah	5	2	—	24	8	12
Riverside	4	—	3	17	16	8
Yagoona	4	—	2	10	10	8
Sydney Uni.	2	3	2	15	15	7
St. Marys	3	1	3	25	26	7
Kewpies	2	1	4	12	16	5
Auburn	2	—	5	14	19	4
Arndcliffe Scots	2	—	4	6	13	4
Penrith	—	2	5	11	27	2
Gymea	—	7	9	27	—	—

THIRD DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P

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